

**U.S. District Court**  
**District of Columbia (Washington, DC)**  
**CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:17-cv-02561-RCL**

PROTECT DEMOCRACY PROJECT, INC. v. OFFICE OF  
 MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET et al  
 Assigned to: Judge Royce C. Lamberth

Cases: 1:18-cv-01629-RCL  
1:18-cv-01628-RCL  
1:18-cv-00379-RCL  
1:18-cv-02644-RCL

Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

**Plaintiff**

**PROTECT DEMOCRACY  
 PROJECT, INC.**

Date Filed: 11/29/2017  
 Jury Demand: None  
 Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
 Information Act  
 Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
11/29/2017	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5224925) filed by PROTECT DEMOCRACY PROJECT, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Exhibit Exhibit A, # <u>3</u> Exhibit Exhibit B, # <u>4</u> Exhibit Exhibit C, # <u>5</u> Summons AG Summons, # <u>6</u> Summons US Atty Summons, # <u>7</u> Summons OMB Summons, # <u>8</u> Summons DOC Summons, # <u>9</u> Supplement Certificate LCvR 7.1)(Berwick, Benjamin) (Attachment 1 replaced on 12/27/2017) (znmw). (Entered: 11/29/2017)
11/29/2017		Case Assigned to Judge Royce C. Lamberth. (zsth) (Entered: 11/29/2017)
11/29/2017	<u>2</u>	SUMMONS (4) Issued Electronically as to DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zsth) (Entered: 11/29/2017)
11/29/2017	<u>3</u>	LCvR 7.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by PROTECT DEMOCRACY PROJECT, INC. (zsth) (Entered: 11/29/2017)
12/15/2017	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 12/11/17. (Berwick, Benjamin) (Entered: 12/15/2017)
12/15/2017	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 12/11/2017. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 1/10/2018. (Berwick, Benjamin) (Entered: 12/15/2017)
12/15/2017	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE served on 12/8/2017; OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET served on 12/11/2017 (Berwick, Benjamin) (Entered: 12/15/2017)
01/10/2018	<u>7</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Joshua M. Kolsky on behalf of DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET (Kolsky, Joshua)

		(Entered: 01/10/2018)
01/10/2018	<u>8</u>	ANSWER to <u>1</u> Complaint by DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET.(Kolsky, Joshua) Modified to add link on 1/11/2018 (znmw). (Entered: 01/10/2018)
04/20/2018	<u>9</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Dennis John Lawson on behalf of PROTECT DEMOCRACY PROJECT, INC. (Lawson, Dennis) (Entered: 04/20/2018)
04/20/2018	<u>10</u>	MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name- Matthew Larrabee, :Firm- Dechert LLP, :Address- 1095 Avenue of the Americas, NT, NY 10036. Phone No. - 212/698-3578. Fax No. - 212/314-0023 Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number 0090-5434977. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by PROTECT DEMOCRACY PROJECT, INC. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Matthew Larrabee, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Lawson, Dennis) (Entered: 04/20/2018)
04/20/2018	<u>11</u>	MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name- Nicholas Passaro, :Firm- Dechert LLP, :Address- 1095 Avenue of the Americas, NY, NY 10036. Phone No. - 212/649-8755. Fax No. - 212/698-3599 Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number 0090-5435076. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by PROTECT DEMOCRACY PROJECT, INC. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Nicholas Passaro, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Lawson, Dennis) (Entered: 04/20/2018)
04/27/2018	<u>12</u>	ORDER granting <u>10</u> Motion for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 4/26/17. (lsj) (Entered: 04/27/2018)
04/27/2018	<u>13</u>	ORDER granting <u>11</u> Motion for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 4/26/18. (lsj) (Entered: 04/27/2018)
06/20/2018	<u>14</u>	STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. (Kolsky, Joshua) (Entered: 06/20/2018)
07/06/2018	<u>15</u>	ORDER. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 7/6/2018. (lcrc13) (Entered: 07/06/2018)
07/09/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 9/4/2018 (lsj) (Entered: 07/09/2018)
09/04/2018	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. (Kolsky, Joshua) (Entered: 09/04/2018)
11/05/2018	<u>17</u>	STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. (Kolsky, Joshua) (Entered: 11/05/2018)
12/21/2018	<u>18</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Paul Cirino on behalf of All Defendants Substituting for attorney Joshua M. Kolsky (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 12/21/2018)
01/02/2019	<u>19</u>	Unopposed MOTION to Stay <i>In Light of Lapse In Appropriations</i> by DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 01/02/2019)
01/16/2019	<u>20</u>	ORDER granting <u>19</u> Motion to Stay. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 1/16/2019. (lcrc12) (Entered: 01/16/2019)
01/29/2019	<u>21</u>	NOTICE of <i>Restored Government Funding</i> by DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 01/29/2019)
02/01/2019	<u>22</u>	STATUS REPORT ( <i>Proposed Schedule for Further Proceedings</i> ) by DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 02/01/2019)
02/21/2019	<u>23</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 02/21/2019)
03/01/2019		MINUTE ORDER: The parties shall confer and submit another joint status report on or before April 22, 2019. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 03/01/2019. (lcrc13) (Entered: 03/01/2019)
04/22/2019	<u>24</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 04/22/2019)

04/23/2019		MINUTE ORDER: The parties shall confer and submit another joint status report on or before June 21, 2019. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 4/23/2019. (lcrc11) (Entered: 04/23/2019)
04/23/2019		ENTERED IN ERROR.....MINUTE ORDER: The parties shall confer and submit another joint status report on or before June 21, 2019. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 4/23/2019. (lcrc11) Modified on 4/25/2019 (zlsj). (Entered: 04/23/2019)
04/25/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 6/21/2019 (lsj) (Entered: 04/25/2019)
05/01/2019		NOTICE OF CORRECTED DOCKET ENTRY: re 4/23/2019 Minute Order was entered in error as a duplicative order. (lsj) (Entered: 05/01/2019)
06/21/2019	<u>25</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 06/21/2019)
08/06/2019		MINUTE ORDER: The parties shall submit a further joint status report no later than 9/5/2019. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 08/06/2019. (lcrc13) (Entered: 08/06/2019)
09/05/2019	<u>26</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 09/05/2019)
09/06/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Parties shall submit a further joint status report no later than 11/4/2019. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 09/06/2019. (lcrc13) (Entered: 09/06/2019)
09/06/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/4/2019. (znbn) (Entered: 09/09/2019)
11/04/2019	<u>27</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 11/04/2019)
11/06/2019		MINUTE ORDER GRANTING extension of deadline to file next Joint Status Report. The parties shall file their next Joint Status Report no later than 01/10/2020. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 11/06/2019. (lcrc13) (Entered: 11/06/2019)
11/06/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/10/2020 (lsj) (Entered: 11/06/2019)